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SUBJECT: SWEDISH-SOVIET TRADE AND TECHNICAL AGREEMENTS

1. SWEDISH PAPERS APRIL 8 REPORTED PREVIOUS DAY'S TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER PALME AND KOSYGIN IN MOSCOW. PRESS IDENTIFIED SIGNIFICANCE OF AGREEMENT AS (A) CONTINUATION OF PREVIOUS (JULY 8, 1970) TRADE AGREEMENT AND (B) WRITTEN INCLUSION OF HELSINKI PROVISIONS WHICH WILL FACILITATE SWEDISH COMPANIES IN SETTING UP REPRESENTATION OFFICES IN USSR. (AT PRESENT FIVE COMPANIES, ASEA, JOHNSONKONCERNEN, SVENSKA HANDELSBANKEN, SAS AND ALFA-LAVAL HAVE REPRESENTATION THERE.) PRECISE PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT NOT GIVEN IN PRESS BUT ARE ASSUMED TO BE VERY GENERAL.

2. TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT UPDATING JANUARY 12, 1970 PROVISIONS ALSO SIGNED APRIL 7.

3. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS THE SWEDISH/SOVIET TALKS COVERED SEVERAL AREAS OF COMMERCIAL INTEREST:

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(A) NUCLEAR ENERGY - EXPERT GROUP WILL BE SET UP TO STUDY

NUCLEAR ENERGY MATTERS;

(B) COKING COAL - SWEDISH STEELWORKS 80 PROJECT WILL REQUIRE 3.5 MILLION TONS ANNUALLY. DISCUSSIONS INCLUDE POSSIBLE PROCUREMENT THIS COKE PLUS STEEL MILL EQUIPMENT IN USSR;

(C) SHIPPING - DISCUSSIONS BELIEVED TO INCLUDE SALE OF SWEDISH-BUILT MERCHANT SHIPS TO SOVIETS;

(D) ROLLER BEARINGS - NEW TYPE SKF BEARINGS FOR USE ON SOVIET RAIL CARS UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION; REPORTEDLY THIS WOULD BE LARGEST EVER SWEDISH EXPORT SALE TO USSR;

(E) STEEL PLATE - DISCUSSION OF SELLING EXCESS SWEDISH STEEL PLATE FOR USE IN SOVIET SHIPBUILDING AND PIPE-MAKING;

(F) TAXI SYSTEM - ACTIVE CONSIDERATION OF COMPLETE NEW MOSCOW TAXI FLEET AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM BY VOLVO AND OTHER SWEDISH COMPANIES IN TIME FOR 1980 OLYMPICS;

(G) HOTEL IN LENINGRAD - FIRST SHOVEL CEREMONY AT SKANSKA CEMENT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY PROJECT SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 8 BY INDUSTRY MINISTER JOHANSSON; PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED HOTEL PROJECTS FOR KIEV AND MOSCOW NOW CONSIDERED LESS LIKELY DUE COST ESCALATIONS USING UP AVAILABLE CREDIT (FRENCH ARE NOW BELIEVED READY TO TAKE ON THOSE PROJECTS).

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